## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

ENCOMPASS HEALTHCARE, PLLC,

Plaintiff,

Case No.

Hon.

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Mag. Judge

ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

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## NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF CAUSE TO UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN, SOUTHERN DIVISION

To: ADAM J. DEVLIN (P72877)

1. On July 14, 2022, Plaintiff commenced this cause of action in the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, by filing a

Summons and Complaint in which Allstate Insurance Company is a named Defendant.

- 2. Plaintiff has alleged this cause of action to have arisen out of an event(s) which occurred on and after May 20, 1994, in the County of Wayne, State of Michigan.
- 3. That this action is a suit at common law of a civil nature and the amount involved, exclusive of interest and costs, upon information and belief, based upon the allegations regarding injuries sustained by Plaintiff in its Complaint. Upon good faith, Defendant believes Plaintiff will be seeking damages in excess of \$75,000.00. Plaintiff has submitted a request for reimbursement for services in excess of \$100,000.00.
- 4. Plaintiff claims No-Fault benefits are due and owing, according to the Complaint, from July 14, 2021 to present.
- 5. Defendant Allstate Insurance Company shows this Honorable Court that this action involves a controversy between citizens of different states, in that:
  - (A) Plaintiff is a resident of the State of Michigan by virtue of incorporating in the State of Michigan. (Exhibit 1 Plaintiff's Complaint.)

- (B) Defendant, Allstate Insurance Company, is a resident of the State of Illinois by virtue of being incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois and having its principal place of business in Illinois. Defendant is not a citizen of the State of Michigan (Exhibit 1, paragraph 2).
- 6. This Notice of Removal is hereby filed with this Court, within thirty (30) days after receipt by Defendant of a copy of the initial pleading setting forth a claim for relief upon which this action is based, as required by 28 U.S.C. §1446(b), a copy of that pleading having been received by Defendant on July 19, 2022. (Exhibit 2 Summons and Service of Process transmittal summary).
- 7. Written notice of filing this removal has been given to all adverse parties as required by law and a copy of the Notice of Removal has been filed with the Clerk of the Court for the County of Oakland, State of Michigan.
- 8. Attached is a copy of all process and pleadings served upon Defendant Allstate in this case. (Exhibit 1 copy of Complaint with Summons.)

WHEREFORE, Defendant herein, respectfully requests that this Honorable Court enter its Order for removing this cause from the Circuit

Court for the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, to the United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division.

Respectfully submitted:

GARAN LUCOW MILLER, P.C.

/s/C. David Miller II

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Dated: August 16, 2022

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# EXHIBIT 1

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Original - Court 2nd copy - Plaintiff Approved, SCAO 1st copy - Defendant 3rd copy - Return STATE OF MICHIGAN CASE NO. JUDICIAL DISTRICT **SUMMONS** 6th **JUDICIAL CIRCUIT** 2022-195093-CZ **COUNTY PROBATE Court address** Court telephone no. 1200 N Telegraph Rd Pontiac, MI 48341 Plaintiff's name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s). Defendant's name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s). Encompass Holdings LLC Allstate Insurance Company ٧ This case has been designated as an Plaintiff's attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no. eFiling case, for more information Adam J Devlin P72877 please visit www.oakgov.com/efiling. 30850 Telegraph Rd Ste 250 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 248 703 6201 Instructions: Check the items below that apply to you and provide any required information. Submit this form to the court clerk along with your complaint and, if necessary, a case inventory addendum (form MC 21). The summons section will be completed by the court clerk. **Domestic Relations Case** There are no pending or resolved cases within the jurisdiction of the family division of the circuit court involving the family or family members of the person(s) who are the subject of the complaint. There is one or more pending or resolved cases within the jurisdiction of the family division of the circuit court involving the family or family members of the person(s) who are the subject of the complaint. Attached is a completed case inventory (form MC 21) listing those cases. It is unknown if there are pending or resolved cases within the jurisdiction of the family division of the circuit court involving the family or family members of the person(s) who are the subject of the complaint. **Civil Case**  $\Box$  This is a business case in which all or part of the action includes a business or commercial dispute under MCL 600.8035. MDHHS and a contracted health plan may have a right to recover expenses in this case. I certify that notice and a copy of the complaint will be provided to MDHHS and (if applicable) the contracted health plan in accordance with MCL 400.106(4). There is no other pending or resolved civil action arising out of the same transaction or occurrence as alleged in the complaint. A civil action between these parties or other parties arising out of the transaction or occurrence alleged in the complaint has been previously filed in \( \square\$ this court. \( \square\$ Court, where it was given case number \_ and assigned The action remains is no longer pending. **SUMMONS** Summons section completed by court clerk. NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT: In the name of the people of the State of Michigan you are notified: 1. You are being sued. 2. YOU HAVE 21 DAYS after receiving this summons and a copy of the complaint to file a written answer with the court and serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action with the court (28 days if you were served by mail or you were served outside this state). 3. If you do not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. 4. If you require special accommodations to use the court because of a disability or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, please contact the court immediately to make arrangements. Issue date Expiration date\* Court clerk 10/17/2022 Lisa Brown

\*This summons is invalid unless served on or before its expiration date. This document must be sealed by the seal of the court.

PROOF OF SERVICE

SUMMONS Case No.2022-195093-CZ

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#### STATE OF MICHIGAN

#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND

ENCOMPASS HEALTHCARE, PLLC

Plaintiffs,

\_2022-195093-CZ

Case No:

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Vs.

Hon, JUDGE KWAME' L. ROWE

ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY

Defendant.

ADAM J DEVLIN, P72877 DEVLIN LAW, PLLC

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#### **COMPLAINT**

There are no other pending or resolved civil actions arising out of the transactions or occurrences alleged in this complaint. -/s/ Adam J Devlin P72877

NOW COMES Plaintiff, ENCOMPASS HEALTHCARE, PLLC, by and through its attorneys Devlin Law, PLLC, and for its complaint states as follows:

- Plaintiff, Encompass Healthcare, PLLC. is a Domestic Professional Limited Liability Company located in West Bloomfield, Michigan.
- 2. Defendant, ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY, is a foreign corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of Michigan as well as authorized to

- transact business as an insurance company, which conducts regular systematic business in Oakland County, Michigan
- Patient, William Vasil is insured by Defendant, Claim Number, 0576660336
   ("Patient")
- 4. The amount in controversy is within the jurisdiction of this Court and this case involves a claim for damages in excess of Twenty-Five Thousand (\$25,000.00)
  Dollars, exclusive of costs, interest and attorney fees.

#### **General Allegations**

- 5. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates all preceding paragraphs as if set forth fully herein.
- 6. On or about May 20, 1994, Patient was involved in a motor vehicle accident, suffering a serious impairment of a bodily function and/or permanent serious disfigurement.
- Defendant provides medical insurance benefits to Patient for treatment of injuries or infectious disease arising out of that automobile accident.
- 8. Patient was treated by Plaintiff from starting November 2, 2015.
- 9. At all times relevant to this complaint, Patient was insured by Defendant under a policy authorized and approved by the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Michigan for sale by Defendant to the citizens of the State of Michigan in compliance with the Michigan No-Fault Insurance Act.
- 10. The medical care giving rise to this cause of action was performed and provided by Plaintiff on behalf of Patient.

- 11. The Michigan No-Fault Insurance Act requires insurers to make timely payment of all usual and/or reasonable and/or customary charges incurred for reasonably necessary products, services and accommodations within thirty days following receipt of "reasonable proof of the fact and amount" of the incurred expense.
- 12. Plaintiff is entitled to be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary treatment and charges pursuant to the Michigan No-Fault Insurance Act.

#### Count I - Breach of Contract

- 13. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates all preceding paragraphs as if set forth fully herein.
- 14. As a result of the injuries sustained by Patient in the motor vehicle accident, Patient required the services provided by Plaintiff, which are payable under the terms of the insured Patient's contract of insurance purchased from Defendant.
- 15. Plaintiff provided reasonably necessary goods and services to Patient, for whom Defendant is the No-Fault insurer and is therefore obligated to pay all usual and/or reasonable and/or customary charges for reasonably necessary goods and services within 30 days of presentation of reasonable proof of the fact that the goods or services were provided and the amount of the incurred expense.
- 16. Defendant has been billed for usual and/or reasonable and/or customary charges for reasonable and necessary services provided by Plaintiff and has wrongfully refused to pay benefits in accordance with the applicable No-Fault and contract provisions.
- 17. Reasonable proof required for full payment has been supplied to Defendant for all services provided to Patient.

- 18. Defendant has refused to pay the reasonable and necessary charges for the services provided.
- 19. Defendant is in breach of contract and breach of its statutory duties to make payments for the medical expenses provided by Plaintiff.
- 20. As of the filing of this complaint, there remains an unpaid balance for medications, goods and services rendered to Patient by Plaintiff plus interest and attorneys' fees.
- 21. As a result of the aforesaid accident, the Plaintiff has incurred medical expenses regarding the care, recovery and rehabilitation of Patient.
- 22. Defendant is responsible for paying the medical expenses incurred by Plaintiff relative to the treatment of Patient as a result of the accident.
- 23. Defendant is in breach of contract and breach of statutory duties to make payments of the medical expenses incurred by Plaintiff.
- 24. As of the filing of this complaint, there remains an unpaid balance for goods and services rendered to Patient in excess of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) dollars exclusive of costs, interest and attorney fees.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests a declaration of rights and a judgment for damages not less than \$25,000.00 for unpaid no-fault benefits which have accrued through the date of judgment, plus costs, statutory interest and attorney fees.

#### Count II - Declaratory Relief

- 25. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates all preceding paragraphs as if set forthfully herein.
- 26. Pursuant to MCR 2.605, the Court has the authority to declare the rights and obligations of Plaintiff and Defendant relative to the Plaintiff's treatment of the Patient.
- 27. A declaration of rights between the parties is needed to determine:

28. The applicability of the Michigan No-Fault Insurance Act of the claims of the Plaintiff;

29. The amount of medical expenses, no-fault interest, actual attorney fees and other benefits owed to

Plaintiff;

30. Such other determinations, orders or judgment as are necessary to fully adjudicate the rights of the

parties; and

31. Whether and in what amount, any reductions, setoffs or reimbursements may be claimed by the

Defendant.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests a declaration of rights and a judgment for damages not less

than \$25,000.00 for unpaid no-fault benefits which have accrued through the date of

judgment, plus costs, statutory interest and attorney fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Adam J Devlin

Dated: 7/14/2022

# EXHIBIT 2



CT Corporation Service of Process Notification 07/22/2022

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#### **Service of Process Transmittal Summary**

TO: Debbie Byrnes

**ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY** 

27555 EXECUTIVE DR STE 225, METRO DETROIT AUTO

FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48331-3589

RE: Process Served in Michigan

FOR: Allstate Insurance Company (Domestic State: IL)

### ENCLOSED ARE COPIES OF LEGAL PROCESS RECEIVED BY THE STATUTORY AGENT OF THE ABOVE COMPANY AS FOLLOWS:

TITLE OF ACTION: ENCOMPASS HEALTHCARE, PLLC vs. Allstate Insurance Company

DOCUMENT(S) SERVED: Summons, Proof, Complaint

COURT/AGENCY: 6th Circuit Court - Oakland County, MI

Case # 2022195093CZ

NATURE OF ACTION: Insurance Litigation

PROCESS SERVED ON: The Corporation Company, Plymouth, MI

**DATE/METHOD OF SERVICE:** By Traceable Mail on 07/22/2022 postmarked on 07/19/2022

JURISDICTION SERVED: Michigan

APPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE: Within 28 days (Document(s) may contain additional answer dates)

ATTORNEY(S)/SENDER(S): Adam J Devlin

DEVLIN LAW, PLLC

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248-703-6201

**ACTION ITEMS:** CT has retained the current log, Retain Date: 07/22/2022, Expected Purge Date:

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Email Notification, Debbie Byrnes debbie.byrnes@allstate.com

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## **AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

) ss.

COUNTY OF WAYNE )

C. DAVID MILLER II, being first duly sworn, deposes and says, that he is associated with the law firm of GARAN LUCOW MILLER, P.C. and that he has been charged with the defense and representation of the defendant herein; that in such capacity he has prepared the foregoing Notice for Removal of Cause to the United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, that the matters set forth in said Notice are true except as to those matters stated herein to be upon his information and belief as to which matters he is informed and believes same to be true.

Further deponent saith not.

/s/C. David Miller II
C. DAVID MILLER II (P38449)

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 16th day of August, 2022

/s/ Gail J. Musialowski

GAIL J. MUSIALOWSKI, Notary Public County of Macomb, State of Michigan My Commission Expires: 04/01/28 Acting in the County of Wayne

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

GAIL J. MUSIALOWSKI, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is associated with the law firm of GARAN LUCOW MILLER, P.C., attorneys for Defendant and that on August 16, 2022, she caused to be served a true copy of NOTICE FOR REMOVAL, AFFIDAVIT and PROOF OF SERVICE upon the following:

Adam J. Devlin, Esq. DEVLIN LAW, PLLC 30850 Telegraph Road, Suite 250 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 Assignment Clerk
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Pontiac, MI 48341-0407

by electronically filing the foregoing paper with the Clerk of the Oakland County Circuit Court using the MiFILE system.

/s/ Gail J. Musialowski